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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above application in view of the above amendments and the below remarks is requested.

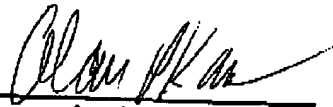
Claims 1, 13, 19, and 33 have been amended to further define the invention. Claims 10, 16, 17, 18, 27, 28, 29, 36, 37, and 38 have been canceled.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected claims 16, 27 and 33 to 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite; rejected claims 19 to 23, 25 to 27, 29, 31 to 36 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Baumann et al (United States Patent No. 4079041); rejected claims 19 to 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Simms et al (United States Patent No. 5,424,364); and rejected claims 1 to 5, 7, 8, 10, 13 to 23, 25 to 29, and 31 to 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Simms et al in view of Baumann et al.. With the above amendments, these rejections are traversed and withdrawal thereof is requested.

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Applicants submit that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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